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Collectively, we've served 18 years as Ward 1 city councilors. In all our campaigns for office, the contest was always about issues, policy and accountability. This election for Ward 1 city councilor is critically different, and the overarching issues are transparency and integrity.

The challenger to Emily Semple's Ward 1 City Council seat, Eliza Kashinsky, has apparently decided that enormous out-of-state funding — over \$34,000 from the National Association of Realtors PAC — is the best way to buy the Ward 1 City Council seat.

The Oregon Department of Justice is currently investigating these contributions as potentially being made under a false name (i.e., the Eugene Realtors for Community). These contributions have not been fully reported in the financial reports of Kashinsky's campaign.

The exceptional size and nature of the Realtors' contributions raise the questions: What do the Realtors expect in return? And why weren't these contributions reported by the Kashinsky campaign, as is the normal practice by candidates?

Voters deserve to know which special interests may be funding a campaign — before the election, not after it. The Ward 1 City Council position should not be for sale to an out-of-state PAC, or any special interest, for that matter. Regrettably, we can reach no conclusion other than that Kashinsky should not be entrusted to represent Ward 1 voters.

George Brown

Ward 1 councilor 2009 to 2017

Bonny Bettman McCornack

Ward 1 councilor 2000 to 2009

Gary Rayor

Ward 1 councilor 1999 to 2000

KASHINSKY WILL REPRESENT ALL OF US

After listening to Eliza Kashinsky's interview on KLCC, sponsored by the City Club of Eugene, it is clear to me that she is by far the best candidate to

represent Ward 1 on the City Council.

Her compassionate and practical approach to problems confronting our city, in particular issues regarding the unhoused, is what is desperately needed by our community. This is a candidate who has demonstrated ability to achieve consensus, to listen to the viewpoints of all the stakeholders involved and to implement policies to achieve common goals. She shows an excellent knowledge of issues, policies and approaches. I believe that she will be the best candidate to bring people together and move forward to solve important problems facing our community.

Her experience as a human resource manager at South Lane Mental Health, her management experience with multiple nonprofit organizations and her participation on the City Budget Committee for the past three years have served to prepare her for the role of city councilor. She is truly a candidate who will represent all of us. I would encourage you to listen to her interview on the KLCC website. Please join me in supporting this outstanding candidate.

Jean Ann Edsall

Eugene

WE NEED EVERY VOTE

It is, of course, always important (if not a civic duty) to vote, even in a safe "blue" state like this one. It's often said these days that this election is like no other, and it's more important than usual to vote. Here's one reason why.

It's not just about the Electoral College this time. Trump is threatening to challenge the election through various means. But if Biden can win the popular vote by a wide margin, it will be harder to get the challenge into court. All courts require substantive evidence of illegality before accepting a case.

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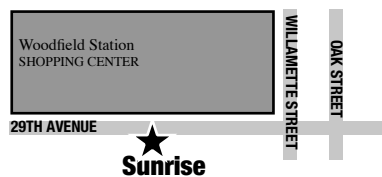


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MISOGYNY CREEPING OUT

I'm probably just being a sleepy, old white guy finally seeing what others have long realized, but recent events have given me the strong impression that vehement misogyny is stepping way out from the dark shadows.

Yeah, I was pretty sure I recognized it in the bulging neck veins and spittle accompanying the "lock her up" and "send her back" exhortations. That sense was reinforced when I heard a couple unprogressive acquaintances describe the speaker of the House as a "f----- bitch." Then I saw two stickers on the rear view window of a heavy duty Dodge Ram where a young boy is portrayed peeing on the words "Kate Brown" and another on the words "Nancy Pelosi." Now we got 13 rednecks plotting to kidnap and try a sitting female governor.

But then again, maybe I'm just being one of those irritating little snowflakes.

*Dan Dizney
Eugene*

protects public lands, and is also a strong rural economic development bill, at a time when it is most needed.

As people continue to spend more time outdoors due to COVID-19, safeguarding the Owyhee Canyonlands and protecting our public lands and rivers will contribute to ensuring that we all have pure drinking water and clean air and it will provide outstanding opportunities for physical exercise and mental rejuvenation.

I am hopeful that one silver lining to 2020 might be the permanent protection of crucial wild places in the Owyhee Canyonlands, and I urge Rep. Walden and Sens. Wyden and Jeff Merkley to work together to refine and pass S.2828 in 2020 and protect more public lands for all of us who need those lands now, and for generations to come.

*David Funk
Eugene*

DEFAZIO HAS REAL EXPERIENCE

I received my Voters' Pamphlet this week and, reading through it, I was surprised to see Congressman Peter DeFazio's Republican challenger Alek Skarlatos' only prior government experience: "National Guard sniper." He may be a better candidate for the white supremacist Proud Boys. I'm voting for DeFazio.

*Mike E. Walsh
Eugene*

PRESERVE PUBLIC LANDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught Americans many lessons — including a reminder about just how valuable our protected public lands are. My wife and I have been out camping and hiking a lot since the pandemic, and we've been stunned how busy the public lands are as everyone increasingly feels the need to get out of the house.

Thanks to strong leadership from Sen. Ron Wyden, a bill that would protect more than 1 million acres of the most important and threatened ecological, cultural and recreational resources in Oregon's Owyhee Canyonlands is making its way through Congress now. The Malheur Community Empowerment for Owyhee Act (S.2828)

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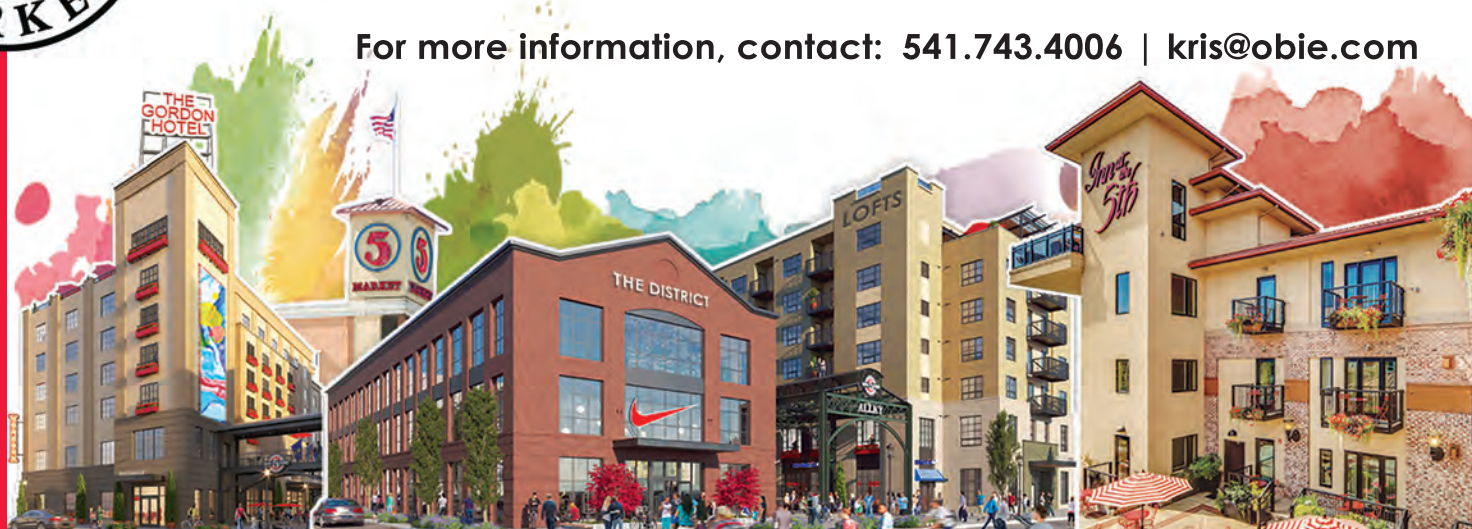
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Several hallmarks will be cited most often:

His success stopping the Washington Public Power Supply System, aka WPPSS, nuclear power plants — battling wealthy New York bond holders, mammoth private utilities, CEOs and the entire Northwest Congressional delegation. Twenty-one in all — none of whom joined our side, even after BPA Administrator Don Hodel started bellowing (today's) hilarious claim that "the Northwest will suffer brown-outs and blackouts throughout the 80s and 90s if Jim Weaver isn't stopped."

Other accomplishments that stand out: The only filibuster in U.S. House of Representatives history, sustained yield forest management laws, wilderness protection for ancient forests and fisheries habitat, America's first organic farming bill, stopping USDA rubber-stamping of directives from Dow Chemical, Monsanto and other herbicide makers. And others.

Having served as Jim Weaver's chief of staff for many years I was also there for the wit and irony that probably won't be included in Jim's remembrances:

In a Congressional hearing, Jim described an out-of-state academic hired by lobbyists to falsely dispute job-loss data as "an economic imbecile." Afterward, facing Republicans who angrily demanded an apology, Jim was humble, stating, "You're correct. I was wrong. He's not an economic imbecile. He's simply an imbecile." We escaped amid gales of laughter.

Jim wore a small, remarkably natural-looking, hairpiece during his first term — so natural that when it was mailed to the D.C. office from wherever Jim had sent it for cleaning before leaving for a two-week trip to Oregon, no one knew what it was. Someone suggested it was a pelt from an Oregon trapper appreciative of Jim's habitat protection. So, it was mounted on a plaque and hung on the lobby wall.

Jim always arrived by 7 am. When we arrived at 8 am the morning after his return, we saw the plaque, but no pelt. When Jim walked into our meeting we all looked up and immediately recognized that what we'd mounted was no pelt. The plaque was later discreetly removed. Years passed before the story was shared with Jim, who — fortunately — howled with laughter.

My favorite Jim Weaver story: The House cafeteria was always jammed at lunchtime. Members and staff would shuffle down a counter, selecting and then paying, but sometimes particularly self-impressed members would push ahead, irritating everyone. Finally fed up, I and others angrily told a group of pin-striped Republicans to stop their bullying. Their leader said, "Hell no!" then grabbed a placard from an easel and on its back wrote in giant letters "It's NICE to be Important! WE are." It was tacked above the counter.

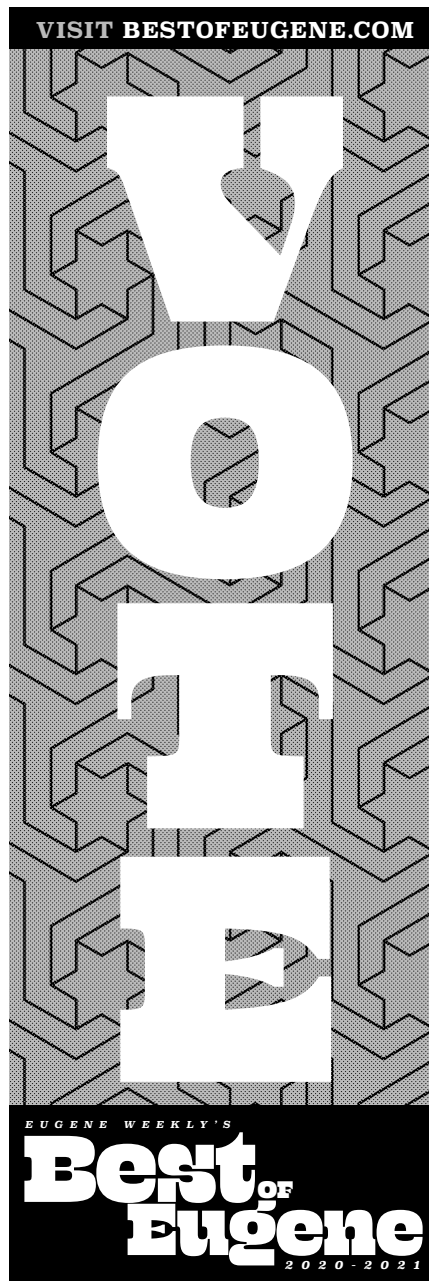
A week later a more substantial wooden sign appeared directly below it. In bold letters it stated simply: "But it's a helluva lot more important to be nice."

No one knew its origins; but soon, I did. I received all of the office's House administration invoices. A week after the new sign's appearance, an invoice arrived from the House Carpentry Services Office. Inside, the bill simply said "House Cafeteria Be Nice Sign." Below it was the handwritten scrawl I'd seen a thousand times before:

"J. Weaver, 4th district, Oregon"

Knowing Jim as well as I did, I never mentioned it. I'm glad that now, you know. ■

Joe Rutledge served as Congressman Jim Weaver's chief-of-staff from 1975 to 1984.



elect Eliza KASHINSKY

Eugene City Council Ward 1

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Springfield on the Move

SPRINGFIELD'S CITY COUNCIL RUNOFF RACE HAS TWO CANDIDATES WHO WANT TO USHER IN CHANGE

By Henry Houston

After 10 years on the Springfield City Council, Councilor Sheri Moore is retiring. For years, Moore has been the left-leaning councilor on the nonpartisan City Council, but two candidates in the runoff race want to bring more change to the city.

Kori Rodley says she wants to incentivize more development like what happened on Main Street throughout the city and protect businesses impacted by COVID-19. Johanis Tadeo says he wants to encourage more civic engagement with underrepresented communities and hold police accountable.

But whoever wins the race will bring diversity that has been missing from Springfield's City Council: either the perspective of the city's growing Latinx population or the LGBTQ community.

Rodley currently serves on the city's budget committee and went through the Oregon Emerge program, which trains Democratic women to run for public office. She works at United Way as the equity and engagement manager. If elected, she would be the first lesbian to serve on the council.



'I always focus on the systems and processes and how to make these lasting changes.'

— KORI RODLEY

"We need our voices to be heard," Tadeo says. "We need to find and create policies that support our communities."

Tadeo says if elected, he wants to show the community how to create policy and break down the black box that is the City Council. He says when he first got involved at the city, he struggled to navigate city hall and who to talk to about certain issues, like challenging the ICE contract.

Springfield caught the state's attention July 29 when Springfield Police Department (SPD) had a heavy-handed reaction to protesters at a march in the Thurston neighborhood. Rodley says the city's response with an external investigation into the incident is the minimum, and it was a decision that took too long.

Tadeo says what separates the two candidates is that he is pushing for more civic engagement for all communities in town. He adds that when so many people are watching Springfield as it appoints a new mayor and the Thurston police investigation, many people want to know how to engage with the city's leaders.

"It's important to hear from all residents and for all residents, especially the underrepresented and marginalized communities, to feel safe to come to the city chambers and feel like they can address an issue," he says. "Once these folks feel like they can trust some of these institutions, then that's when we can start getting to the conversation of what needs to be able to change in Springfield."

He says the city needs a police complaint system where the community feels heard. "A lot of the time, the people who put in a complaint aren't heard," he adds.

Tadeo says he wants to build a bridge between SPD and the community so the police can see them as human. And police should be easily identifiable while on duty so they can be held accountable in case anything goes wrong, he adds.

Tadeo's endorsements include Councilors Steve Moe and Sean VanGordon, Springfield school board chair Zach Bessett and board member Emilio Hernandez Jr. Tadeo's contributions have been mostly small donations under \$100, according to OreStar.

Tadeo says win or lose, he wants his campaign to serve as a blueprint for future Latinx candidates. Springfield's Hispanic population is 11.9 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 data.

"I always thought there would be another person of color to pave the way, but I was tired of waiting," Tadeo says. "So I put my name on the list and I hope to inspire other Latinx folks and underrepresented folks." ■

'We need to find and create policies that support our communities.'

— JOHANIS TADEO



creative partnerships and incentives, but she'd like to see more of what has worked downtown in other areas of Springfield.

As COVID-19 continues to devastate the local economy, Rodley says the city should try to help small and medium businesses. "The role of the city could be to remove barriers, create incentives and really dig into those partnerships to really bring resources in," she says.

Rodley has the endorsements of Moore, Springfield City Councilor Leonard Stoehr, Lane County Commissioner Pat Farr and state Rep. Marty Wilde, as well as organized labor like UFCW Local 555, AFL-CIO Lane County Central Labor Chapter and Joint Council of Teamsters. Her largest contribution is \$1,000 from Lane Professional Firefighters Association.

Tadeo is a community organizer with Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC)'s Springfield for Equity and Respect program. He's been active in working with community members to make the city acknowledge Indigenous Peoples Day, force an end of a contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and protest police brutality.

Rodley says she's comfortable with how to push a lot of progressive ideas in a mixed group of people. "I always focus on the systems and processes and how to make these lasting changes," she adds.

She says everyone in the city is proud of downtown's revitalization. The renovation of Main Street took years to accomplish as well as businesses working in tandem with the patented "Team Springfield," a name for the super-group collaboration of Springfield School District, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Springfield Utility Board and the city.

But it's going to take more energy to push that development throughout the city, she says. "Having a focused council that isn't wavering or latching onto one project is going to be really important," she says.

She says her dream is for the city to have more "livable neighborhoods," meaning areas that are more low-volume traffic and affordable. She says it would require some

School House Does Not Rock

4J REACHES CAP OF UNENROLLMENT AND CAN DENY STUDENTS ADMISSION TO ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOLS

By Taylor Perse

When her second grade daughter was accepted into Fossil Distance Learning Program, an Oregon-based online charter school, Amanda Kinsey felt relieved. After more than a year on the waitlist, Kinsey finally had an educational alternative for her child, who struggled in the public school system.

Then, Eugene's 4J School District rejected their request to unenroll from Adams Elementary School, citing an Oregon state law which says that once districts reach 3 percent unenrollment, they have the option to deny students admission to online charter schools outside of the school district.

When the law was introduced in 2011, school districts across the state didn't necessarily have an issue with enrollment numbers. But as the decade wore on, more school districts neared that 3 percent unenrollment rate, an issue further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, parents across Oregon like Kinsey who get their children accepted into state-wide charter schools don't know what to do. Online charter schools are free, subsidized through state funding based on enrollment, and not all families can afford private schools.

"It was just terrible last year," Kinsey says of the transition to virtual learning. "I don't feel like she finished first grade, but it was a lot of online stuff. They were just doing the best they could, but we were excited to be accepted into Fossil." She explains that Fossil is more geared towards home-schooling parents.

According to data from the Oregon Department of Education, 23 percent of school districts this year are presumed to or have already reached the cap.

Jim Smith is the superintendent for the Fossil Distance Learning Program. In six years with the school he says he does not remember students being denied unenrollment in the past. He adds that right now, nearly three dozen students have been denied unenrollment in their schools.

"This year with all the denials, it just creates more work on our enrollment team to work down our waiting list and see if the next family could gain a release from their home district," Smith writes in an email.

Once Kinsey's daughter was accepted, she informed her 4J school that her child would not be attending the elementary school that year, she says. She eventually got an email back that said her request for unenrollment was rejected. Fossil had to drop her from the roster.

"Denial from 4J was completely unprecedented," she says.

Daniel Huld is the superintendent of Baker Charter Schools, another statewide charter program. "In 2011, setting the cap at 3 percent seemed like a reasonable number," Huld says. "We would have hit the virtual school cap eventually anyways without COVID, but COVID fast-tracked it."

The solution, Huld says, would be to raise the cap to 5 percent or something similar, which advocates have pushed for. But since the cap is set in the state law, to increase it would require legislation. In June 2020, a bill to raise the cap was presented to the state Legislature, but has not yet moved forward.

Though it's becoming a hindrance to some families, Huld says the reason the state capped the number of students switching to online charter schools is to prevent large numbers of students from unenrolling in the public school system, which could then put the school in danger of losing funding or other resources.

"The main concern is that districts are worried about losing students. If they were worried about that in 2011, they are more worried about that in 2020," Huld says.

Now that the pandemic is changing the entire school system, Huld says, parents would rather have the option of an already established online school, rather than wait for public schools to catch up on technology and resources. And online charter schools are a good option for parents who cannot afford a private school or private tutoring to help their kids through the troubles of Zoom schools.

In an email, a 4J spokesperson said that families can choose to enroll in a local charter school if space is available, enroll in private school or home school, which the 3 percent limit does not apply to. She says that if the numbers drop below the 3 percent threshold, the district will begin to approve requests for un-enrollment.

Huld echoes the sensitivity of the situation, given that districts are online for the first time, and all parents are trying to do what is best for their children.

"The bottom line is, does the parent have a choice?" ■



HAPPENING PEOPLE

by Paul Neevel

Raymond Block

"I love nature," says Raymond Block, founder of Leaven No Trace, an organization dedicated to cleaning up roadside trash in western Oregon. "I'm trying to be a voice for the animals, who do not have a voice. They are our roommates on the planet, but we're not treating them well." Block, who lives in Reedsport, is currently picking up trash along Oregon Route 126 between Florence and Eugene. He clears about one mile per day on both sides of the road, using a squeeze-handle trash grabber to fill plastic bags, some with the stenciled word CARE, others with an on-the-spot spray-painted emoji, and leaves them beside the road. "I go out on a 10-day run," he elaborates, "then back to Reedsport for three days." The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in Lane County has been cooperative in allowing the bags to remain in public view for a couple of days before hauling them away. "It's all about awareness," Block says. "This Walk for Awareness will go as far as milepost 56, on the outskirts of Eugene." Block's personal awareness emerged after moving from Arizona to Coos Bay in 2012. "I was driving down Libby Lane on a regular basis," he reports, "and I noticed how trash was accumulating and spreading out." Soon afterward, he began to devote half his working hours to trash cleanup, and in 2015 he quit his handyman job to launch Leaven No Trace and become a full-time picker-upper. His first Walk for Awareness took seven months, from July 2017 to February 2018, and spanned the length of U.S. Highway 101 in Oregon, 734 miles from the California border to the Columbia River. His companions on these outings are his mom Christy, who comes up from Arizona to help out with camping and cooking chores and to greet motorists who stop by, and his dog Leaven, who knows how to stay off the road. Learn more at LeavenNoTrace.org.

slant

• We wish we weren't exaggerating when we say "Vote as if your life depended on it," but it's 2020 and we have COVID-19 and Donald Trump in the White House. It's not a bad movie; it's real life, but we can change the channel if we get out and vote.

• **File under COVID ruins everything:** Oregon Health Authority is now suggesting we violate our unspoken Oregon rule against carrying umbrellas because rain reduces the effectiveness of masks. Well, Oregonians, take one for the team, or find a good rain hat or wear a coat with a hood because not everyone has the access to the medical resources Trump has had in his bout with the coronavirus. Also, those paper masks get slimy when they are wet.

• **Rep. Peter DeFazio and his opponent Alek Skarlatos will face off** in what will probably be the City Club of Eugene's most exciting virtual candidate forum noon Friday, Oct. 16, on the City Club Facebook page. Or it will be exciting if Skarlatos actually shows up, given he's dodged talking to any outlet that's not right wing. Other upcoming forums include: Oct. 23, Rep. Nancy Nathanson and David Smith will meet to compete for House District 13, and Rich Cunningham and Rep. Julie Fahey for House District 14. Big bravo to the City Club for putting these forums together in this difficult time.

• It's curious that a **show about the dead should be so full of life** (then again, that's why we all watched *The Good Place*). But life is why Maude Kerns Art Center's annual Day of the Dead exhibit is back for the 27th time. All those happy skeletons make quite a show. The altars, carefully constructed

by family and friends, are especially fascinating. Marion Malcolm, Hannah Goldrich and Carol VanHouten spent countless hours building the altar to tell the story of social justice activist Steven Deutsch's life. Up through Nov. 3, the exhibit is available to view in person (socially distanced) during regular gallery hours and online at MKArtocenter.org.

• **Yet another book about Nike is hot off the presses:** *Win at all Costs: Inside Nike Running and Its Culture of Deception* by Matt Hart. The New York Times writes, "A new exhaustive chronicle includes echoes of scandals past" including mistreatment of women. The Times also points out that the value of Nike stock went up 10 percent last month. Scandals don't seem to affect the bottom line or change what happens when Phil Knight wants to build something new — or tear something down — on the University of Oregon campus.

Who to vote for in the most important election of your lifetime, and why

It's a presidential election year and a global pandemic. What could go wrong?

Forget we asked. Here are some tips for voting in 2020.

Vote early, and drop off your ballot in person to one of the many Lane County ballot boxes if you can. Track your ballot by going to the Oregon Secretary of State's website — or just Google words like “track my ballot” in Oregon, and it will take you there.

Vote your whole ballot. A lot (the world) depends on this election, and that's not just the race for the White House. Vote in state and local races, too. One of the many things COVID-19 has reminded us is that it matters who is governing on all levels.

Vote thoughtfully. Read your Voters' Pamphlet, ponder your vote and why. We interviewed — via Zoom — as many candidates as we could, but we encourage you to make your own choices.

And vote. Please. Just vote. — *EW editorial staff*

NATIONAL RACES

President

Donald Trump / Michael Pence, Republican

Joseph Biden / Kamala Harris, Democrat

Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy (Spike) Cohen, Libertarian

Howie Hawkins / Angela Walker, Pacific Green

Dario Hunter / Dawn Neptune Adams, Progressive

Joe Biden. No shit, Sherlock.

(Donald Trump is horrible. The third party candidates sadly lack traction, and Kanye West can't put together a campaign video to save his life.)

Congress

SENATE

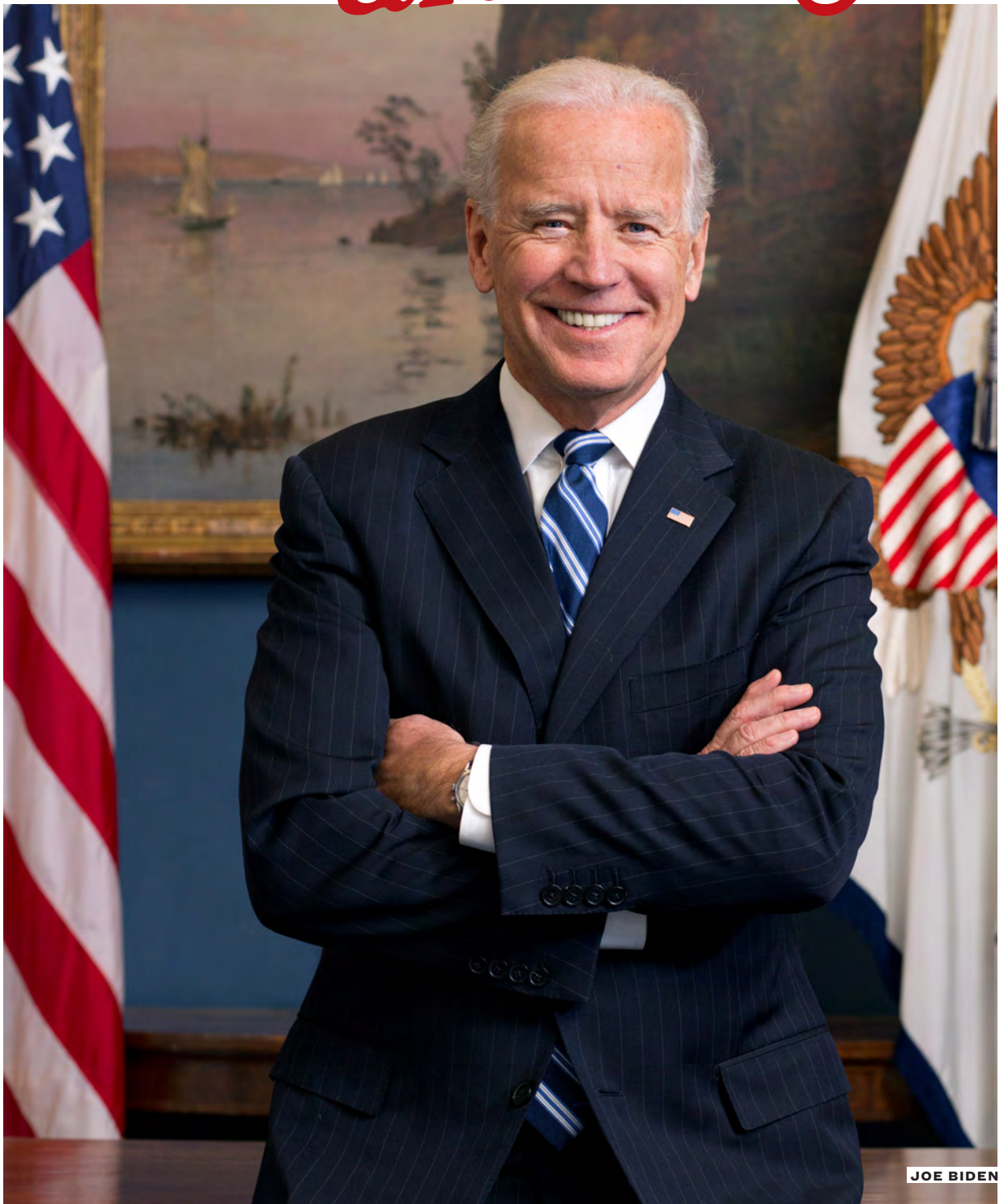
Jo Rae Perkins, Republican

Jeff Merkley, Democrat, Independent, Working Families

Ibrahim Taher, Pacific Green, Progressive

Gary Dye, Libertarian

We are so lucky to have Jeff Merkley representing us in the U.S. Senate. He has no real opposition (unless you count Jo Rae Perkins, who is a conspiracy theorist, QAnon follower and perennial bad candidate), and if Joe Biden wins, Oregon's Merkley will be a big player in the new Washington and, hopefully, the Democratic majority Senate.



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PETER DEFAZIO

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH DISTRICT

Daniel Hoffay, Pacific Green

Peter DeFazio, Democrat, Independent, Working Families

Alek Skarlatos, Republican

For 30 years, Peter DeFazio has dedicated his congressional career to Oregon's 4th district, and he is now the chair of the powerful Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. We need to keep our experienced and spirited congressman in office to help our country navigate the messy aftermath of the Trump era. Plus, his plans for re-envisioning the nation's infrastructure while mitigating climate change is something we desperately need, and DeFazio's position gives him the power to do so. His opponent, train hero-turned *Dancing with the Stars* contestant Alek Skarlatos, dances from the truth and practically refuses to interview with media outlets. He spent his campaign spewing classic Republican fear-mongering narratives and continually aligns himself with Trump. DeFazio is the clear choice in this race. He has the knowledge, the connections and the seniority to lead the House, and Oregon, forward.

STATE RACES

Oregon Secretary of State

Shemia Fagan, D, WF

Kim Thatcher, R, I



ELLEN ROSENBLUM

Oregon State Treasurer

Tobias Read, D

Jeff Gudman, R

Chris Henry, I, Progressive, Pacific Green

Oregon Attorney General

Ellen Rosenblum, D, I, WF

Lars Hedbor, L

Michael Cross, R

Running for her third term, Ellen Rosenblum is a slam dunk for us. Her opponents don't even have law degrees and recently marched in Portland with anti-Black Lives Matter protesters. With a long record of working for Oregonians, Rosenblum has been especially active with other attorneys general in fighting against Donald Trump. We wonder where she wants to go after this term.

Legislature

Remember when Republicans walked out of two legislative sessions? One bill that the walk out impacted was a \$25 million wildfire risk reduction bill. They walked away with no real consequences, but now you have the opportunity to vote them out of a job.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 7TH DISTRICT

Cedric Hayden, R

Jerry Samaniego, D

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 8TH DISTRICT

Timothy Aldal, R

Paul Holvey, D, WF

Martha Sherwood, L

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 11TH DISTRICT

Marty Wilde, D

Katie Boshart Glaser, R

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 12TH DISTRICT

Ruth Linoz, R

John Lively, D

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 13TH DISTRICT

Nathan Nathanson, D

David J Smith, R

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 14TH DISTRICT

Jule Fahey, D

Rich Cunningham, R

STATEWIDE MEASURES

Measure 107

Limits political campaign contributions and expenditures, requires disclosure of political campaign contributions and expenditures and requires political campaign ads to identify who paid for it. **Yes.**

Measure 108

Increases cigarette and cigar taxes, establishes tax on e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping devices and funds health programs. **Yes.**

Measure 109

Allows the manufacture, delivery, administration of psilocybin at supervised licensed facilities; a two-year development period. **Yes.**

Measure 110

Provides statewide addiction/recovery services; cannabis taxes partially finance; reclassifies possession/penalties for specified drugs. **Yes.**

On the one hand, Oregon ballot measures put decisions in front of the voters. On the other hand, the measures lack a certain amount of nuance on complicated

issues. Measure 110 is the measure we struggled with the most, but in the end, treatment over incarceration is the direction Oregon needs to go.

LANE COUNTY

Lane County Board of Commissioners

SOUTH EUGENE, POSITION 3

Joel Iboa

Laurie Trieger

The race to succeed outgoing Commissioner Pete Sorenson is between two progressives who've dedicated much of their lives to making a difference in Lane County and Oregon. Joel Iboa has had a big impact in the community through his work combating state-sanctioned racism via Measure 105, which would have repealed Oregon's sanctuary state law in 2018, as well as leading the charge with the Eugene Human Rights Commission's 2019 resolution against white supremacy. We see Iboa going far. But in this race, we're going with Laurie Trieger in November. She has the experience of fighting for paid sick leave and other big legislation at the state level. And we believe her plan to use a public health framework as a lens for decision making is what the Lane County Board of Commissioners needs during the COVID age.

NORTH EUGENE POSITION 4

Pat Farr, unopposed



LUCY VINIS

CITY OF EUGENE

Eugene Mayor

Lucy Vinis

Isiah Wagoner (write in campaign)

Isiah Wagoner's very campaign reminds us of how white Eugene city government is, despite aspirations of diversity. Wagoner told us in an interview this summer that his campaign is about increasing his name recognition for future elections, getting people registered to vote and lobbying for change. Hopefully, as he matures as a candidate, he will find a way to express his opinions in ways that don't alienate the women of color he says he seeks to praise. We hope Lucy Vinis in a second term embraces the bully pulpit that is the office of the mayor in Eugene. While the position is a tie-breaking vote on the City Council, it's also one that sets agendas and the person who holds the office can be a powerful voice in this town — something we need as we continue to face homelessness, a COVID economy and our lack of diversity. Black Lives Matter has called attention not only to the problems BIPOC

people face in Lane County, but powerful leadership within that community. Vinis and the city need to reach out to them effectively and not just form another committee or do another study.

Eugene City Council

WARD 1

Emily Semple

Eliza Kashinsky

The runoff race for Eugene's Ward 1 has incumbent Emily Semple facing off with political newcomer Eliza Kashinsky. Though both candidates are passionate about the future of Eugene, we are going with Semple. The city could use Semple's experience and dedication on council as it (slowly) works toward helping the unhoused, battles a global pandemic and the effects of climate change. Semple is candid and straightforward in her leadership and interactions, so what you see is what you get. And during COVID-19, having a councilor with her feet already underneath her is a good idea. We have seen criticism of her outreach and response to individual constituents, and that's a conversation to have after she recovers from the concussion she received in a recent traffic accident, limiting her

use of screen time. While we admire Kashinsky's thoughtful ideas on expanding housing, the investigation against her campaign regarding a donation from the National Association of Realtors is troubling. If elected, Semple should use her next term to push forward on building a shelter for the unhoused and continue working on climate action.

WARD 2

Matt Keating, unopposed

WARD 7

Claire Syrett

Hallie Roberts (write in campaign)

WARD 8

Randy Groves, unopposed

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Springfield City Council

WARD 3

Johanis Tadeo

Kori Rodley

Councilor Sheri Moore is retiring after 10 years on the Springfield City Council. The race to succeed Moore is a runoff between Kori Rodley and Johanis Tadeo. Both candidates are great. Rodley, United Way of Lane County's equity and engagement manager, currently serves on the city's budget committee. Tadeo is a community organizer with Springfield Alliance for Equity and Respect who's made his presence known at



JOHANIS TADEO

City Hall. It's tough to choose between the two candidates, but we're going with Tadeo, who has a proven track record of creating change — like ending the city's contract with ICE, getting the city to acknowledge Indigenous Peoples Day and pushing for police accountability.

LOCAL LEVIES

Measure 20-309

Eugene Public Library five year local-option levy. **Yes.**

Measure 20-311

Springfield Fire and Life Safety Levy. **Yes.**



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OCTOBER 16
Oregon Congressional District 4
(Rep. Peter DeFazio, Daniel Hoffay & Alek Skarlatos)

OCTOBER 23
Oregon House Districts 13 & 14
(HD 13: David Smith vs Nancy Nathanson &
HD 14: Rich Cunningham vs Julie Fahey)

OCTOBER 30
Oregon Secretary of State Candidate Forum
(Shemia Fagan, Nathalie Paravicini, & Kim Thatcher)

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what's happening



DOLLS BY MIJA ANDRADE

Maude Kerns Art Center has opened its 27th annual **Día de los Muertos** exhibit. El Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is celebrated Nov. 1 and 2. It acknowledges the link between the living communities and the deceased, according to the art center. Exhibit coordinator Sarah Ciampa describes the Maude Kerns exhibit as “a show for the holiday of Día de los Muertos. It's very colorful, very bright, and has lots of interesting artwork.” The exhibit features 29 artists selected by a jury. “Some people apply every year, and some people are new and have never done it before,” Ciampa says. In addition to artwork, the exhibit includes five altars created in the community, as well as a Day of the Dead gift shop presented by Suzanne Algara of Bugarville Imports.

The Día de los Muertos exhibit runs through Nov. 2 at Maude Kerns Art Center, 1910 E. 15th Avenue. Hours are 10 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday and noon to 4 pm Saturday. Online tours are available for children and adults on the art center's website, MKArtCenter.org. — *Chandler Henderson*

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ACTIVIST ALERT

Saturday, Oct. 17: They Aren't Too Young: How to Talk to Kids About Race, 1-4pm. Contact 541-682-5318 for Zoom link.

Monday, Oct. 20: Human Rights Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm, Eugene-or-gov.Zoom.us/j/94797676360.

FARMERS MARKETS

Farm Stand Reopening (thru Oct. 31), 10am-6pm, Organic Redneck Growers, 44382 McKenzie Hwy, Waltermville.

HEALTH

Zoom classes at YMCA.org. Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios Facebook page.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

HOLIDAY

Strangest Things Haunted Farm, 8-11pm, Thursday

thru Saturday nights (themed Thursdays and last Wednesday in October), Johnson's Vegetable Farm, 89733 Armitage Rd. \$19 per person.

ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT

Oregon State Parks, Nature: Live in Your Family Room, OregonStateParks.org.

“Springfield Public Library - Where Minds Grow,” Springfield Public Library YouTube channel.

ART EXHIBITS

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.UOregon.edu.

Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead Exhibit, thru Nov. 2, Maude Kerns Art Ct.

Block Play Reduction Linocuts by Connie Mueller & Wood Sculptures by Dale Mueller, thru Nov. 14, White Lotus Gallery.

David Simone: Cuba - An Outsider's View of Place and People, thru Nov. 14, Dot Dotson's.

New Zone Art Gallery Annex Opening, thru Nov. 7, Smith's Family Bookstore Annex.

Tom Blodgett: Faces, Figures and Phantoms: A Partial Self-Portrait, Sept. 30-Oct. 31, Karin Clarke Gallery.

Benefit Exhibit for First Step Solutions (thru Nov. 30), Silver Lining Boutique, 2217 Hwy. 101, Florence.

River Gallery Window Artist Show - Sue Mason (thru Oct. 31), River Gallery, 184 S. Main St, Independence.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown

library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

Classes and programs online w/ Museum of Natural & Cultural History (UO), MNCH.UOregon.edu.

Opportunities at Extension (including the Virtual Fall Festival). OregonState.edu. Oregon State University Extension Service.

FAMILY/KIDS

Wellsprings Friends School Tele-friend Telethon (thru Oct. 21). More info at WellspringsFriends.org.

Bilingual Storywalk outside Petersen Barn (thru Oct. 31). More info at Eugene Public Library (Eugene-or-gov/library).

Adventure! Children's Museum 5th Annual Family Halloween Event (online), Oct. 13 thru 31, including online Pumpkin Sale. More info at AdventureChildrens-Museum.org.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

FANS on Relix.com. Some streams FREE, others cost. More info at Relix.com.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL

Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, via Zoom. Meetings can be found at BlueCliffZen.org.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 15

HEALTH

NAMI Support Zoom Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm. RSVP at Vista-Psych.com.

Spread Peace, online support, noon-1pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-State.edu.

Theatre Thursdays (play-writing), 5pm. More info at SPA of Lane Community College Facebook page.

Anxiety - Trade it for Mental Peace, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditationInEugene. \$2.

MUSIC

The Porch Band, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

Cherry Hill, 7pm, beer-garden.

Diga Diga Doo, 7:30pm, The Shedd. \$22-30 (advance ticket sales only).

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 16

ART/CRAFT

BEAM 2020 from Art City, 7pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

FOOD/DRINK

Grab & Go Chili Meal Deal, 1-5pm, Emerald Park Community Ctr, 1400 Lake Dr. Order online at RRPark.org or call 541-688-4052.

Pizza Night at Capitello Wines with Pizzeria DOP!,

4-8pm, Capitello Wines, 540 Charnelton St.

GATHERINGS

Candidate Forum: Oregon House, CD 4, noon, Eugene City Club Facebook Page, then on the City Club of Eugene YouTube page and website. Broadcast again on Monday, Oct. 19 on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail for location) serves 4pm at Park Blocks next to fountains.

Street Feed: Free Meals for ages 16-24, 5-7pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. More info at CoreEugene.org or call 503-877-5320.0

KIDS/FAMILY

Virtual Little Wonders: Fascinating Fossils. Kits are \$5 each and can be picked up noon-3pm at MNCH, 1680 E. 15th Ave. More info at MNCH.UOregon.edu.

What to Read Next: Spooky Stories for All Ages, 6pm, Eugene Public Library (bit.ly/EugSpookyReads).

MUSIC

Moon & Bike (guitar duo) releases cinematic debut album. More info at Moon-Bike.com.

John Crain & Friends, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

The Steve Arriola Band, 6:30pm, Mac Night Club & Restaurant.

Friday Night Folk Music Live-Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Music Festival Facebook page.

Diga Diga Doo, 7:30pm, The Shedd. \$22-30 (advance ticket sales only).

PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Epic Fridays, 7pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

“Virtual Cinema” w/ Broadway Metro. More info at BroadwayMetro.com.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 17

FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Spencer Creek Growers Market, 10am-3pm, Spencer Creek Grange, 86013 Lorane Hwy.

FOOD/DRINK

Pizza Night at Capitello Wines with Pizzeria DOP!, 4-8pm, Capitello Wines, 540 Charnelton St.

2 Towns Ciderhouse's 10th Annual Harvest Party, 5pm, Online at 2TwonsCiderHouse.com/harvest-party.

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am-3:30pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Ananda Vinyasa-Free Yoga in the Park, 10-11am, Fern Park, 8th St, Veneta.

Annual Sleeping & Dreaming Yoga Retreat Led by Tulku Jigme Rinpoche on Zoom, 10am-5 pm. More info at PalmoCenter.org. \$75.

MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

MUSIC

Gerry Rempel Trio, 5pm, Viking Braggot C. South-towne.

Geoffrey Mays, 6pm. Territorial Vineyards.

Brian James & The Revival, 6:30pm, Mac's Night Club & Restaurant.

ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Radio Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCC, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCC.org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Explore a Working Forest, 9am-1pm, Bauman Tree Farm, 84289 Territorial Rd. Email to RSVP at Coordinator@ForestsTodayAnd-Forever.org or call 541-554-1342.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18

FARMERS MARKETS

Dexter Lake Farmers Market, noon-4pm, Lowell Rolling Rock Park, 100 North Shore Dr, Lowell.

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Weekly Guided Meditation & Dharma Talk w/ Tulku Jigme Rinpoche Zoom Event, 10am-noon. More info at PalmoCenter.or. \$15 sug. Donation.

How to Sell Erotic Writings, 5pm. More info at AsYou-LikelyShop.com. \$20.

MARKETS

Whiteaker Market, 11am-4pm, Scobert Park, 4th Ave & Blair Blvd.

MUSIC

Diga Diga Doo, 3pm, The Shedd. \$22-30 (advance ticket sales only).

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Hendricks Park Walking Tour (meet at Wilkins Shelter), 1pm, Summit Ave & Skyline Blvd.

SPIRITUAL

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm. RSVP at EugeneInsight.com.

MONDAY

OCTOBER 19

GATHERINGS

Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Musical Mondays (music education videos), 10 am, Eugene Symphony Orchestra Facebook page.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. RSVP at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Journalism, Politics & the 2020 Election Webinar Series (“Gender, Race & Identity in the 2020 Election”), 5pm, UOregon.Zoom.us/webinar.

Traveling Book Club: Separate Is Never Equal, 6:30-8:30pm. More info at

2020 Traveling Book Club Facebook page.

Ananda Vinyasa-Free Yoga in the Park, 7-8pm, Fern Park, 8th St, Veneta.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 20

FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Lane County Farmers Market, E. 8th Ave & Oak St.

KIDS/FAMILY

Family Storytime, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. RSVP at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Teen & Young Writers' Workshops, 1-3pm, Word-Crafters.org. \$125-145.

LITERARY ARTS

Windfall Reading: Poets Melissa Kwasny & Christopher Howell, Eugene Public Library (bit.ly/WindfallOct2020).

RECREATION

Tuesdays w/ Ty (virtual trivia), 7pm, Hult Ctr. Facebook page.

Tuesday Night Trivia w/ Nic, 7:30pm, Rennie's Landing, 1214 Kincaid St.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 21

GATHERINGS

2020 Time Capsule at BRING, all day, Bring Recycling, 4446 Franklin Blvd.

Drum Circle, 6pm, New Zone Art Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

HEALTH

Pop-Up Clinic & Street Outreach, 3pm, under Washington-Jefferson Park bridge, Washington St. & W. 5th Ave.

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org, 6pm. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

KIDS/FAMILY

Little Notes Music Time, 9:30am, Suzuki Music School Facebook page.

Family Wednesdays w/ Eugene Symphony Orchestra, 7pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

LECTURES/CLASSES

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Universal Compassion, 6-7:30pm. RSVP at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

Calm-Abiding Meditation offered by The Palmo Center for Peace and Education, 7-7:30pm. Email Info@PalmoCenter.org for Zoom link.

Fabulous Plants and their Fungal Friends, 7pm. Link at CMS Youtube Channel.

MUSIC

Elena Leona Project, 6:30pm, The Public House.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 22

FILM

Springfilm Presents: *Count Dracula* Film Discussion, 7pm. More info at Springfilm Presents Facebook page.

HEALTH

NAMI Support Zoom Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm. RSVP at Vista-Psych.com.

Spread Peace, online support, noon-1pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-State.edu.

Theatre Thursdays (play-writing), 5pm. More info at SPA of Lane Community College Facebook page.

Anxiety - Trade it for Mental Peace, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditationInEugene. \$2.

Uncovering and Interpreting Salem's Chinese Shrine, 6pm. More info at MNCH. UOregon.edu.

The Truth about Acupuncture and Cancer by Stacy Dunn (Virtual), 7:30-8:30pm. More info at OregonCancerFoundation.org or email Katie@OregonCancerFoundation.org.

MUSIC

Gerry Rempel & Hamilton Mays, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

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ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

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Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.


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Yin and Yang

DALE AND CONNIE MUELLER: TWO ARTISTS, ONE MARRIAGE, ONE STUDIO, ONE GALLERY

By Bob Keefer

A meeting of opposites is on exhibit through Nov. 14 at Eugene's White Lotus Gallery. Connie Mueller creates painstakingly detailed linoleum block prints, employing a finicky process that is borderline obsessive; her husband, Dale Mueller, makes big, bold simple sculptures out of redwood and copper.

The two artists' work will share the downtown gallery for the next month in *Block Play: Reduction Linocuts by Connie Mueller & Wood Sculptures by Dale Mueller*.

Connie Mueller's work is familiar to White Lotus regulars; she's had two previous solo shows of her prints at the gallery and has had her work in group shows there.

The process she uses is called "reduction" printmaking because the artist uses the same linoleum block for each separate color in the print, cutting the linoleum away a bit more for the application of each layer of ink, usually printing the lightest colors first. It's so easy to make a mistake that some artists call it "suicide" printmaking; once you've made an error you have to start over with a fresh block.

Connie's landscapes involve as many as 28 colors in a single print, meaning 28 adjustments to the linoleum block

and 28 passes through the press for each sheet of paper. Making a single print takes her four to six weeks of work in the studio she shares with Dale.

"I look at the lightest colors that I need to make sure I get in a piece," she explains. "You kind of have to do yellow first, and then I can do other colors over it, so I get a different yellow or green I want in some bushes or something. And then I can go back after I've done several colors over that built up. You can get a lot of big variation by going back and forth."

Dale Mueller's sculptures have appeared at White Lotus in a group show, but this is the first time the Muellers have taken over the whole gallery together.

He first saw the copper-over-wood technique in the work of the late Mel Schuler, who taught sculpture at Humboldt State University in California. Also influenced by such disparate artists as Constantin Brâncuși and Alberto Giacometti, as well as by the late Oregon wood



'SUNRIVER CANAL I' BY CONNIE MUELLER

sculptor Leroy Setziol, Dale works on salvaged redwood logs, starting work with an electric chainsaw and then developing his vision with a mallet and chisel, finally sheathing the wood in copper.

None of his sculpture is representational; instead, he says, he simply works with shapes and forms that please him.

While Dale says his art is "just a hobby," it's a hobby he's been pursuing for two decades, and his work is as accomplished in its rough way as his wife's detailed prints. "I can't draw," he says. "I just observe art, trying to learn what's good, and what's maybe not so good. And so, my concept is, 'Darn, that looks OK.' Or, 'Boy that looks like a piece of stuff!'"

Working together at home in a two-car garage, the two artists look at each other's work and occasionally offer help, he adds, keeping it all within the longtime limits of marital discretion.

"I don't critique too much," he says. "Maybe she gets stuck, you know, and we'll talk about something. And you know, at the end I'll say, 'Boy, that looks great!'" ■

Block Play: Reduction Linocuts by Connie Mueller & Wood Sculptures by Dale Mueller runs through Nov. 14 at White Lotus Gallery, 767 Willamette Street. Viewing is by appointment 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-345-3276 to arrange.

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Across

1 Last half of a ball game?

5 Used (to)

15 She uses a bird to sweep the house

17 Computer overhaul

18 Gridiron measurements (abbr.)

19 Little bite

20 Gold, to Guatemalans

21 "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" network

22 Bodybuilder's units

24 Word before Earth or City, in computer games

27 Drab shade

29 She was Dorothy on "The Golden Girls"

30 Org. that listens for alien signals

31 It's obsolete

35 Jovial question from

someone eager to help

36 It covers Miami, Montpelier and Montreal

37 SOPA subject

38 Opera follower?

39 New Year's, in Hanoi

40 Mandolin relative

41 Robin Meade's network

42 Southwest sch. whose mascot is King Triton

44 Daily grind

45 Guy to say "Sup?" to

46 "___ Ho" (Best Original Song Oscar winner of 2009)

47 The D in OED

50 Easy lunch to prepare

56 Insider's knowledge

57 Viktor Bout or Adnan Khashoggi

58 Dark form of quartz

Down

1 Off-kilter

2 Messed with the facts

3 World Series precursor, for short

4 "As I see it," in chatrooms

5 Tack on

6 Shorten nails

7 Smoke

8 Palindromic prime minister of the 1940s-60s

9 Leather sharpener used in old-timey barber shops

10 Old rulers

11 Chemist Hahn

12 "Excusez-___"

13 Roxy Music name

14 Room for board games, perhaps

16 Person with a booming voice, often

21 Donut shop option

22 Upgraded

23 Fail spectacularly, like a skateboarder

24 ___ Saga (David Feintuch series of sci-fi novels)

25 "No need to pay"

26 Bishops' wear

27 Grain alcohol

28 Put someone in their place

29 Some hats worn on The Oregon Trail

30 Lose your composure, in junior high-speak

31 "Anchors ___"

32 Senator Jake who flew on the Space Shuttle Discovery

33 Heart location?

34 Ophthalmologist's concerns

42 Implored

43 Richard who played Don Barzini in "The Godfather"

44 Vacation time, in slang

45 ___ the Younger (Arthurian knight)

46 Director Champion

47 Zoologist Fossey

48 Disgusting

49 Cereal with gluten-free varieties

50 Org. that bestows merit badges

51 "Love, Reign ___ Me" (The Who)

52 420, for 20 and 21 (abbr.)

53 "Just as I suspected!"

54 "On the Road" protagonist ___ Paradise

55 "Never heard of her"

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S

RAGE	ONEUP	SAG
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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Would you be willing to meditate on how you might become more skilled in the arts of intimacy? Would you consider reading books and websites that offer guidance about strategies for being the best partner and ally you can be? Are you receptive to becoming more devoted to practicing empathy and deep listening? I'm not saying you're deficient in these matters, nor am I implying that you need to improve your mastery of them any more than the rest of us. I simply want you to know that now is an especially favorable time for you to make progress.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Entre chien et loup is a French idiom that literally means “between dog and wolf.” It’s used to describe twilight or dusk, when the light is faint and it’s tough to distinguish between a dog and a wolf. But it may also suggest a situation that is a blend of the familiar and the unknown, or even a moment when what’s ordinary and routine is becoming unruly or wild. Entre chien et loup suggests an intermediary state that’s unpredictable or beyond our ability to define. In accordance with astrological omens, I propose you regard it as one of your main themes for now. Don’t fight it; enjoy it! Thrive on it!

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): For 34 years, the beloved American TV personality Mr. Rogers did a show for children. He’s now widely acknowledged as having been a powerful teacher of goodness and morality. Here’s a fun fact: His actual middle name was “McFeely.” I propose that you use that as a nickname for yourself. If McFeely doesn’t quite appeal to you, maybe try “Feel Maestro” or “Emotion Adept” or “Sensitivity Genius.” Doing so might help inspire you to fulfill your astrological assignment in the coming weeks, which is to allow yourself to experience more deep feelings than usual — and thereby enhance your heart intelligence. That’s crucial! In the coming weeks, your head intelligence needs your heart intelligence to be working at peak capacity.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): A blogger named Dr.LoveLlama writes, “You may think I am walking around the house with a blanket around my shoulders because I am cold, but in fact the ‘blanket’ is my cloak and I am on a fantasy adventure.” I approve of such behavior during our ongoing struggles with COVID-19, and I especially recommend it to you in the coming days. You’ll be wise to supercharge your imagination, giving it permission to dream up heroic adventures and epic exploits that you may or may not actually undertake someday. It’s time to become braver and more playful in the inner realms.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): According to author Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell, “The body has its own way of knowing, a knowing that has little to do with logic, and much to do with truth.” I recommend that you meditate on that perspective. Make it your keynote. Your physical organism always has wisdom to impart, and you can always benefit from tuning in to it — and that’s especially important for you right now. So let me ask you: How much skill do you have in listening to what your body tells you? How receptive are you to its unique and sometimes subtle forms of expression? I hope you’ll enhance your ability to commune with it during the next four weeks.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): In his fictional memoir *Running in the Family*, Virgo author Michael Ondaatje returns to Sri Lanka, the land where he spent his childhood, after many years away. At one point he enthuses that he would sometimes wake up in the morning and “just smell things for the whole day.” I’d love for you to try a similar experiment, Virgo: Treat yourself to a festival of aromas. Give yourself freely to consorting with the sensual joy of the world’s many scents. Does that sound frivolous? I don’t think it is. I believe it would have a deeply calming and grounding effect on you. It would anchor you more thoroughly in the here and now of your actual life, and inspire you to shed any fantasies that you should be different from who you are.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): “The hardest thing you will ever do is trust yourself,” says Libran journalist Barbara Walters. Really? I don’t think so. In my experience, the hardest thing to do is to consistently treat ourselves with the loving care we need to be mentally and physically healthy. But I do acknowledge that trusting ourselves is also an iffy task for many of us. And yet that’s often because we don’t habitually give ourselves the loving care we need to be healthy. How can we trust ourselves if we don’t put in the work necessary to ensure our vitality? But here’s the good news, Libra: In the coming weeks, you’re likely to be extra motivated and intuitively astute whenever you improve the way you nurture yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): “You can’t learn anything when you’re trying to look like the smartest person in the room,” writes author Barbara Kingsolver. That’s a useful message for you right now. Why? Because you will soon be exposed to teachings that could change your life for the better. And if you hope to be fully available for those teachings, you must be extra receptive and curious and open-minded — which means you shouldn’t try to seem like you already know everything you need to know.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): I’ve decided not to use quotes by famous writers who’ve endorsed bigoted ideas. In the future, my horoscopes won’t mention the work of T. S. Eliot, Roald Dahl, V. S. Naipaul, Edith Wharton, Kingsley Amis, H. P. Lovecraft, Flannery O’Connor, Rudyard Kipling and Louis-Ferdinand Celine. I’m sorry to see them go, because I’ve learned a lot from some of them. And I understand that many were reflecting attitudes that were widespread in their era and milieu. But as I’ve deepened my commitment to fighting prejudice, I’ve come to the conclusion that I personally don’t want to engage with past perpetrators. Now, in accordance with current astrological omens, I invite you to take an inventory of your own relationship with bigoted influences — and consider making some shifts in your behavior. (More info: tinyurl.com/BigotedAuthors1 and tinyurl.com/BigotedAuthors2)

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Capricorn chemist Tu YouYou doesn’t have a medical degree or PhD. Yet she discovered a treatment for malaria that has saved millions of lives. The drug was derived from an ancient herbal medicine that she spent years tracking down. In part because of her lack of credentials, she remained virtually unsung from the time she helped come up with the cure in 1977 until she won a Nobel Prize in 2015. What’s most unsung about your accomplishments, Capricorn? There’s a much better chance than usual that it will finally be appreciated in the coming months.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): “Luck is what happens to you when fate gets tired of waiting,” says author Gregory David Roberts. If that’s true, I expect that a surge of luck will flow your way soon. According to my astrological analysis, fate has grown impatient waiting for you to take the actions that would launch your life story’s next chapter. Hopefully, a series of propitious flukes will precipitate the postponed but necessary transformations. My advice? Don’t question the unexpected perks. Don’t get in their way. Allow them to work their magic.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Have you formulated wily plans and crafty maneuvers to help you navigate through the labyrinthine tests and trials up ahead? I hope so. If you hope to solve the dicey riddles and elude the deceptive temptations, you’ll need to use one of your best old tricks — and come up with a new trick, as well. But please keep this important caveat in mind: To succeed, you won’t necessarily have to break the rules. It may be sufficient merely to make the rules more supple and flexible.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTYJuvenile Department In the Matter of RAVEN RENEE HAYES, A Child. TO: Renee Brittany Snider aka Renee B. Hayes aka Renee Britany aka Renee Brittany Snider Case No. 20JU2465 PUBLISHED SUMMONS IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE the Lane County Juvenile Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, on the 3rd day of December, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to admit or deny the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME LISTED ABOVE. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above- entitled court, dated September 28, 2020. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County, Oregon. Date of first publication: 10/15/2020 Date of last publication: 10/29/20. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT AS DIRECTED ABOVE, THEN YOU MUST APPEAR ON DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE SAME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT- ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either ON THE DATES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE, and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. (I) YOU

HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, you may meet the state’s financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Juvenile Department, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97401, phone number 541/682- 4754, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible and have the attorney present at the above hearing. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE UNDER ORS 419B.918 TO APPEAR BY OTHER MEANS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING(S) IN YOUR PLACE. PETITIONER’S ATTORNEY Anthony H. Dundon, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 975 Oak Street, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401. Phone: (541)686-7973. ISSUED this 7th day of October, 2020. Issued by: /s/ Anthony H. Dundon, #143116, Assistant Attorney General

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: KAAREN CHRISTINE O’NEIL, Deceased. Case No.: 20PB05813 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Probate proceedings in the Estate of KAAREN CHRISTINE O’NEIL, deceased, are now pending in the above-entitled court, wherein Jay Lockard, has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of said estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, in due form, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, at the following address now designated as the place for the presentation of claims, to-wit: Jay Lockard, Personal Representative, c/o Attorney Michael Mickelson, at Arnold Law, 115 W. 8th Ave., Ste. 280, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (541) 338-9111, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the said probate proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the undersigned Personal Representative or the latter’s attorney who is Michael Mickelson, Arnold Law, 115 W. 8th Ave., Ste. 280, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (541) 338-9111, michael@arnold-lawfirm.com. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 10/01/20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: PEGGY RUTH WILD, Deceased. CASE No. 20PB06201 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS (ORS 113.155) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Jonathan F. Wild has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Peggy Ruth Wild, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, through his attorney, John A. Hudson, North Bank Law, at 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401-2459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. (Please provide vouchers or documents substantiating any such claim). All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: NANCY JANE DIAZ, Deceased. No. 20PB06956 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS (ORS 113.155) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Elizabeth Diaz de Noga has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy Jane Diaz, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, through her attorney, John A. Hudson, North Bank Law, at 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401-2459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. (Please provide vouchers or documents substantiating any such claim). All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, whose contact information is as follows: Personal Representative: Elizabeth Diaz de Noga,

379 19th St., Springfield, OR 97477, Tele: (541) 606-7228. Attorney for Personal Representative: John A. Hudson, OSB #741498, North Bank Law, 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401, Tele: (541)485-0777 Fax: (541)344-7487. Dated and first published October 15, 2020. /s/ John A. Hudson #741498 Attorney for Personal Representative

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF HARVEY K. TARBET LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20 PB 06580 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Kirk Tarbet c/o Mark M. Williams, Attorney at Law, 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published October 8th, 2020. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Kirk Tarbet,

13534 NE 190th Place, Woodinville, WA 98072. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER/ PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Mark M. Williams, OSB#821404, 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401-2459 541-393-6720/541.344-7487 FAX mark@williams-law.com

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of Norma F. Cole, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 20PB06703, and Deborah C. Ogburn has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 15th day of October, 2020.

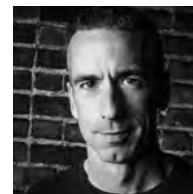
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Direct Messages
BY DAN SAVAGE



My husband recently passed away. He was a wonderful person and we had 12 great years together. He was also very, very organized. His death was an accident but everything was in order. He even left a note in a sealed envelope for his lawyer to present to me. It was one last love letter, Dan. Our relationship wasn't perfect. No relationship is, but that's who he was. Or that's who I thought he was.

My husband was a very good-looking man who took meticulous care of his body. We actually met in a gym at a hotel. He wasn't conceited, which I think may be because he didn't come into his looks until he was in his twenties, but he enjoyed the effect his appearance had on others. In addition to his last love letter and other documents, I was given a list with the passwords to my husband's social media accounts. I made the mistake of looking at his messages on Instagram. He exchanged private images with hundreds of women and gay men all over the world. Not just photos of him shirtless. Photos of him fully nude from the front and back, images of his genitals, even video clips of him masturbating with his face clearly visible.

I knew he had exhibitionistic tendencies. Years before we met he got in legal trouble for exposing himself in a public place. He sought help for impulse control and never did something like that again. But he always had a very high libido, much higher than mine, and he masturbated frequently, and public sex remained his biggest fantasy. I didn't judge or shame him for any of that. We jokingly called masturbation "his thang" and sex, which we had roughly once a week, "our thang," and one time, when it seemed safe, we did manage to have sex in public. He expressed an interest in opening up our relationship years ago but I am monogamous by nature and he agreed to keep our relationship closed. And I believe he did: I've read through all his messages with these strangers and there are no mentions of any meetings. I've seen dozens of messages from people wanting to meet in person and he always turned them down. But he never turned down a request for more photos.

Help me understand this. I can't tell anyone else about this and I hate sitting here feeling like my marriage was a lie.

— **Wishing Instagram Didn't Open Window**

P.S. Also, men? My husband was straight. Why was he sending photos to gay men?

I am so sorry for your loss, WIDOW, and I'm so sorry your grief has been complicated by what you found in your husband's Instagram account. But you shouldn't for a moment doubt the love of a man who wanted to make sure you got one last love letter if he should die unexpectedly. That's not something a person would think to do for someone they didn't truly love. Your husband was who you thought he was. Your marriage wasn't a lie, and your husband wasn't a liar, WIDOW. It's just that your grief — like you and your husband and your marriage and anything human beings do or feel or touch — is imperfect.

So far as you know, WIDOW, your husband never cheated on you — and after reading thousands of his DMs, and since your husband didn't think you would ever see those DMs, it's safe to say you know everything. And what you know now that you didn't know before is that sharing pictures with strangers was one of your husband's "thangs."

Now I'm going to ask you to make a leap, WIDOW.

Instead of seeing what you found on Instagram as evidence of your husband's unfaithfulness, WIDOW, try to see it as something that made it possible for a man like your husband to remain faithful. Think of those DMs like a pressure-release valve. On Instagram your husband could expose himself to strangers who wanted to see him naked — avoiding both consent violations and legal trouble — without exposing himself to the temptations of face-to-face encounters, WIDOW, temptations that might've led him to violate the monogamous commitment he made to you and, like all people who make monogamous commitments, sometimes struggled to keep.

One person can't be all things to another person sexually. People can ask for monogamous commitments, of course, and we all have a right to expect consideration and compassion from our partners — and not having the needs we can't meet or the ways we fall short thrown in our faces is one way our partners demonstrate consideration and compassion. Your husband needed more attention than any one person could ever provide. He didn't rub that in your face. He cut an ethical corner by swapping DMs with strangers to meet a need you couldn't — but if getting that need met the way he did made it possible for him to stay in your marriage and stay faithful to you, perhaps you benefited too. And while your husband should've asked for your permission — while he should've gotten your okay — if you had found his DMs while he was alive, WIDOW, he would no doubt ask for your forgiveness. Think of the years he gave you and the love he showed you and ask yourself if you could give him the forgiveness he would be asking for if he could. Then give him — give yourself — that gift.

P.S. Your husband's willingness to accept attention from gay men is another sign he was one of the good guys. Straight guys who are secure in their sexuality are much more willing to accept compliments from gay men these days — some straight guys, like your husband, even seek them out.

P.P.S. I am, again, so very sorry for your loss.

I live in North Carolina. One of our two senators, Thom Tillis, is a Republican who tested positive for COVID-19 after cavorting with the president at the White House. But when I opened the local paper, lo and behold, the top story wasn't the ill Tillis but the admission by his Democratic opponent in the senatorial race — Cal Cunningham — that Cunningham had, in fact, exchanged "sexts" with a woman who is not his wife. I braced for dick pics or kink revelations or worse when I clicked through to the website that broke the story. At the very least I expected explicit references to sex. But nope! We're being told to clutch our pearls — and to vote for Tillis — over some text G-rated messages about "lots of kissing" and a vague wish to spend a night together. I guess these laughably tame exchanges round up to salacious because both parties are married to other people. It would be funny if it weren't so sad and if it wasn't threatening the Democrats' efforts to retake the Senate.

— **Voter In North Carolina Enraged**

So the worry here is that the people of North Carolina are going to vote for a U.S. senator who can't open his mouth without Donald Trump's nutsack falling out — Tillis — over Cunningham because Cunningham sent a few not-that-dirty text messages to a woman who isn't his wife. Sigh. Tillis has literally spent the last four years tongue-bathing the balls of a man who has cheated on every wife he's ever had and been credibly accused of sexual assault by two dozen women. By association and proximity, Tillis has a far more scandalous record. But whoever wins the senate election in North Carolina, there's not enough mouthwash in the world to get the stench of Trump's taint off Tillis's breath.

I sent you a letter yesterday. Today I told my husband I want a divorce. So I didn't need any advice from you after all. Once I laid it out in my letter to you and thought about the last three years and the amount of struggling with this I have gone through, I realized that it was SO. DAMN. OBVIOUS. There was no question. There was only an answer. Divorce. It has been horrible the last couple days but things are starting to feel a bit better. The worst part is the intense pain that I have caused him. He loves me so much and it is painful to tell him that I do not love him the same way. But I am holding tight to my firm belief that in a few years, he will understand that I did this out of love—for him and for me. Thank you. Even though you did not need to respond, just being there to write helped.

— **Writing Was Enough**

I'm happy it helped just to write the letter, WWE, and I read your letter and I agree: you're doing the right thing for yourself and your husband. Best of luck to you both.

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